

HOUSE BILL 2445

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AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 10,
Chapter 7, Part 5 and Title 39, relative to personal
information of participants in a legal proceeding.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 39, Chapter 13, Part 6, is amended by
adding the following new section:

(a) As used in this section:

(1) "Immediate family" means a spouse, child, parent, or other blood
relative who lives in the same residence as a participant;

(2) "Judge" means a judge presiding over a proceeding in a court of this
state or a political subdivision of this state, or an administrative proceeding;

(3) "Participant" means a party to or participant in a legal or
administrative proceeding, and includes:

(A) A law enforcement officer;

(B) A judge;

(C) A prosecutor, defense attorney, or other attorney of record in
the legal proceeding;

(D) A juror;

(E) A witness; and

(F) A participant's immediate family member; and

(4) "Personal information" means the home address, home telephone
number, personal mobile telephone number, pager number, personal email
address, or a personal photograph of a participant, directions to the home of a

participant, photographs of the home or vehicle of a participant, the name or address of an employer of a participant, and the name and address of the school of a participant.

(b) It is an offense for a person:

(1) To intentionally post, publish, or otherwise disseminate the personal information of a participant on the internet or a social media platform with the intent to intimidate, frighten, or alarm the participant and the dissemination of the personal information intimidates, frightens, or alarms the participant; or

(2) To recklessly post, publish, or otherwise disseminate the personal information of a participant on the internet or a social media platform for the purpose of intimidating, frightening, or alarming the participant and the person knew or should have known that a reasonable person would be intimidated, frightened, or alarmed by the dissemination of the personal information.

(c) A violation of subdivision (b)(1) or (b)(2) is a Class A misdemeanor.

SECTION 2. This act takes effect July 1, 2022, the public welfare requiring it, and applies to offenses committed on or after that date.